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BORN WITH AN X-GENE THAT GRANTS THEM WEIRD AND UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION. XI'AN COY MANH, A DISCIPLE OF THE MUTANT ACTIVIST CHARLES XAVIER, HAS ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF UNIQUELY QUALIFIED MUTANTS TO INVESTIGATE PHENOMENA OF THE WEIRD AND UNCANNY...

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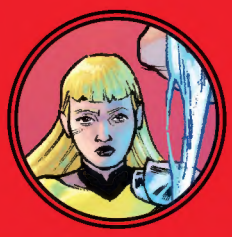

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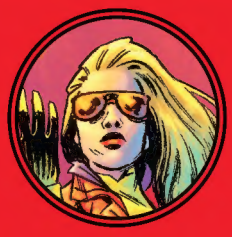
ILLYANA RASPUTIN

RICTOR
JULIO RICHTER



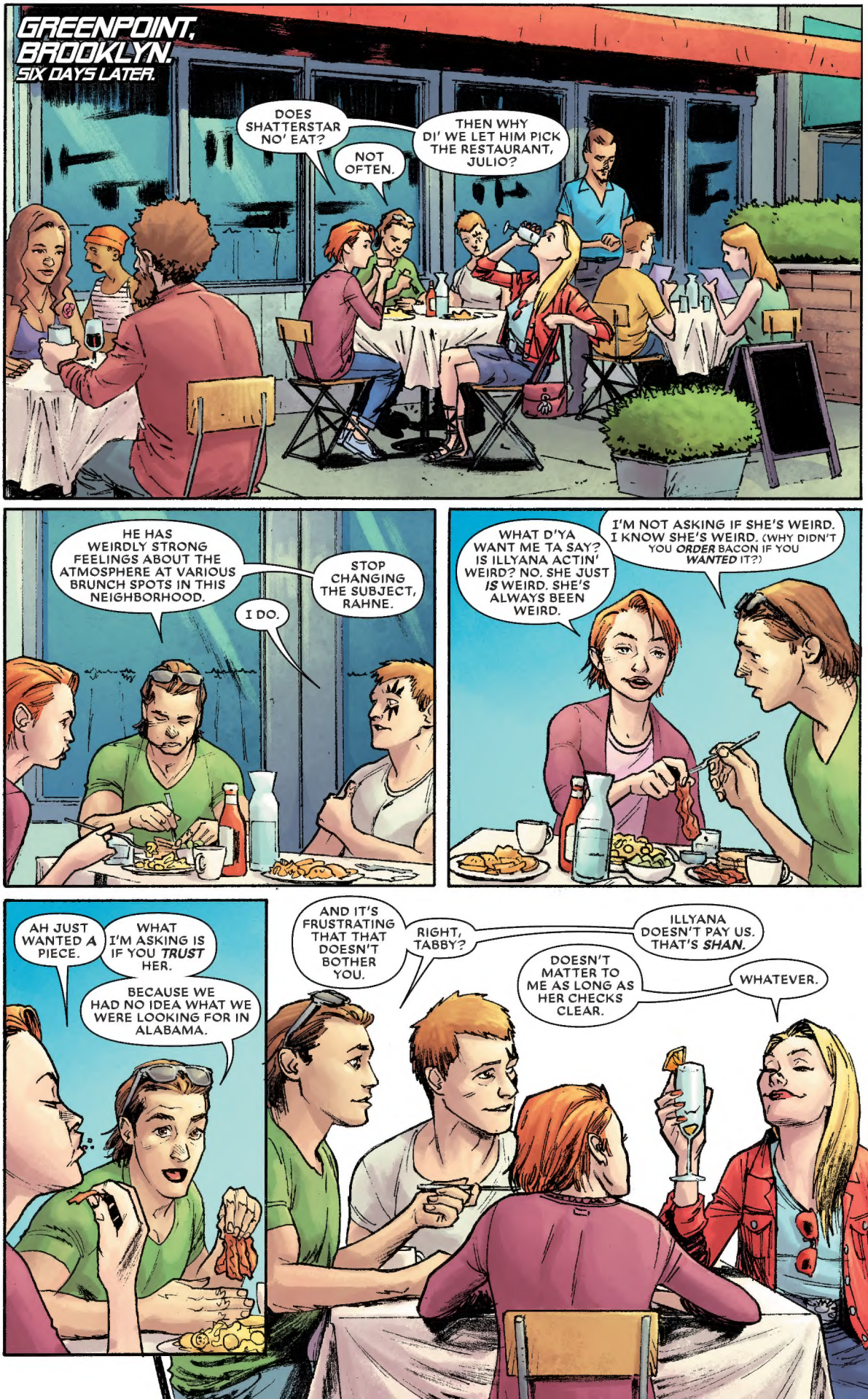
BOOM-BOOM
TABITHA SMITH

STRONG GUY
GUIDO CAROSELLA

WOLFSBANE
RAHNE SINCLAIR

OCTOBER REVOLUTION ISLAND, RUSSIA.
VAVILOV STATION. LISTED AS DECOMMISSIONED IN 1988.
‹NO SIGN OF ALEXEY?›*
‹NOTHING! AND WITH THE STORM COMING WE HAD TO GET BACK.›
*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.
‹IF ALEXEY'S STILL OUT THERE, HE'S ALREADY DEAD.›
‹SHOULD WE CALL FOR SUPPORT?›
‹CALL WHO?›
THOOM
‹WHAT IS THAT?!›

THOOM
⟨GET INSIDE!⟩
THOOM
⟨WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!⟩
THOOM
⟨THE POWER...⟩
⟨IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...WHAT WE FOUND...IT'S NOT...⟩
THOOM
⟨ALEXEY, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO US?⟩


GREENPOINT, BROOKLYN.
SIX DAYS LATER.
DOES SHATTERSTAR NO' EAT?
NOT OFTEN.
THEN WHY DI' WE LET HIM PICK THE RESTAURANT, JULIO?
HE HAS WEIRDLY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE AT VARIOUS BRUNCH SPOTS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
I DO.
STOP CHANGING THE SUBJECT, RAHNE.
WHAT D'YA WANT ME TA SAY? IS ILLYANA ACTIN' WEIRD? NO. SHE JUST *IS* WEIRD. SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN WEIRD.
I'M NOT ASKING IF SHE'S WEIRD. I KNOW SHE'S WEIRD. (WHY DIDN'T YOU *ORDER* BACON IF YOU *WANTED* IT?)
AH JUST WANTED A PIECE.
WHAT I'M ASKING IS IF YOU *TRUST* HER.
BECAUSE WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR IN ALABAMA.
AND IT'S FRUSTRATING THAT THAT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU.
RIGHT, TABBY?
ILLYANA DOESN'T PAY US. THAT'S *SHAN.*
DOESN'T MATTER TO ME AS LONG AS HER CHECKS CLEAR.
WHATEVER.

ARE YE DRUNK?
MAYBE.
MAYBE?
MAYBE MEANS YES.
IT'S BREAKFAST TIME!
IT'S *BRUNCH* TIME.
SHE'S RIGHT.
YOU DON'T FIND IT WEIRD THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHY SHAN HIRED US? OR WHY ILLYANA IS OUR LEADER? WHY NOT *DANI MOONSTAR?*
DID YE NOT INVITE ILLYANA TO BREAKFAST--
BRUNCH.
--SO WE COULD TALK ABOUT HER BEHIND HER BACK?
NO. I DIDN'T INVITE HER BECAUSE SHE GIVES ME THE CREEPS...
SHE JUST APPEARED RIGHT BEHIND ME, DIDN'T SHE?
IT'S TIME TO GO. WE HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT.
CAN WE FINISH OUR--

--MEAL?!
ILLYANA! I'M GONNA FREEZE MY &#&% OFF IN A SECOND!
SORRY.
THANK YE.
OKAY. SO YOU BROUGHT US TO THE LITERAL WORST PLACE ON EARTH. WHY?
THAT'S WHY.

WOT DID THIS?
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT. THIS FACILITY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABANDONED BY THE RUSSIANS 30 YEARS AGO.
AND?
AND IT WASN'T.
HMM... REINFORCED DOOR. STRONG GUY?
I GOT THIS.
BOOM
THAT WAS BIGGER THAN I MEANT IT TO BE.
(STAY BACK!)

⟨KEEP AWAY FROM ME!⟩
⟨EASY, FRIEND. WE'RE NOT HERE TO HURT YOU. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.⟩
⟨A MONSTER.⟩
⟨SO BIG. IT CAME FOR US. HE SENT IT AFTER US. ALEXEY. HE WAS CRAZED. WHEN WE FOUND IT IN THE ICE, WE STOPPED DIGGING. BUT SOMETHING CAME OVER HIM. HE WOULDN'T STOP.⟩
⟨ALEXEY UNLEASHED THIS MONSTER ON PURPOSE. WHERE IS HE NOW?⟩
⟨I DON'T KNOW. DEAD, PROBABLY.⟩
⟨BUT YOU'RE NOT SURE? CAN YOU SHOW US WHERE YOU FOUND IT?⟩
⟨NO! WE NEED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE! I WON'T GO BACK THERE!⟩
⟨YES. YOU WILL.⟩
WOT'D HE SAY?
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT DID THIS BUT HE THINKS HIS FRIEND MIGHT STILL BE OUT THERE. HE'S GOING TO SHOW US WHERE.
⟨NO! WE HAVE TO LEAVE! TELL THEM WE HAVE TO LEAVE! THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOU HERE!⟩
YOU SURE HE WANTS TO DO THAT? DUDE SEEMS KINDA--

THOOM
GUIDO!
GRRRR...
GUESS WE FOUND WHAT DID THIS.

GRAH!
ANYBODY HAVE ANY GUESSES WHO THIS GUY IS?
HE'S A FROST GIANT! LET'S GET HIM OFF STRONG GUY! HIT HIM HARD!
I DON'T THINK HE EVEN NOTICES US!
RAH!
HE NOTICES! HE DOESN'T LIKE IT!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
A FROST GIANT STOMPED ON YOU AND THE RUSSIAN GUY.
OKAY. WELL, LET'S HELP HIM...
NEVER MIND.

STRONG GUY'S OKAY! THE RUSSIAN GUY IS... NOT.
LOOK OUT!
AHHHH!
KEEP HITTING HIM...WHILE HE... FOCUSES ON ME...

WE CAN'T HURT THIS GUY!
:GASP:
ILLYANA! HE'S OUT OF OUR LEAGUE. ZAP US OUT OF HERE.
WE'RE NOT DONE.
THAT WON'T HOLD HIM LONG.
THEN I WILL.
WE'RE NOT STAYING TO DIE FOR... GOD KNOWS WHAT.
IF YOU WON'T GET US OUT OF HERE, I WILL.
ILLYANA, PLEASE!
GO WITH THEM.
THERE'S NOWHERE TA GO HERE! WE'LL DIE WITHOUT YE! AH SAID AH'D FOLLOW YE IF YE LEAD THE TEAM, BUT YE NEED TA BE A LEADER NOW!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?!
ANYWHERE THAT ISN'T GOING TO GET US CRUSHED TO DEATH.
FROZEN TO DEATH IS BETTER?
WAIT! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM, RICTOR!
JUST BECAUSE MAGIK WANTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE TO RID THE #$%&*@ NORTH POLE OF GIANTS DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO DIE WITH HER.
WE KINDA DO, THOUGH... DON'T WE?
NOBODY IS KILLING THEMSELVES.
OH, THANK GOD.
YOU BEAT THAT FROST GIANT?!
NOPE.
THERE'S SOMETHIN' AHEAD OF US.
SNIFF SNIFF
WHAT?
IT SMELLS LIKE... OLD.

AH'M HAPPY TA BE OUT OF THE COLD, BUT WOT IS THIS PLACE?
IT'S A MINE. THESE MEN WERE EXCAVATING *SOMETHING*...
AND THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.
WHAT WERE THEY LOOKING FOR?
THIS.
MAY GOD REST HIS MORTAL SOUL.
HIS GODS AREN'T YOURS, RAHNE.
AN OLD NORSE BATTLE, LOST TO THE WORLD FOR MILLENNIA, FROZEN IN THIS ICE. THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE AFTER.
IT WAS A TIME OF MAGIC AND SORCERY. I'M SURE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR ITEMS OF IMMENSE POWER.
BUT WHY?
THEY FOUND ONE.
SNIFF SNIFF

GRRRR...
AH FOUND A LIVE ONE!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS IS...
<ARE YOU ALEXEY?>
<Y-YES.>
<CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DID YOU DIG-->
HEY. YOU SPEAK ENGLISH, THOR?
YOU KNOW HOW TO STOP THAT THING YOU THAWED OUT?
I DO.
NO. I DON'T KNOW--
THOOOM
IT'S BACK! YOU BROUGHT IT BACK!

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GET STOMPED ON AGAIN.
PLEASE! GET ME OUT OF HERE.
(TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. WHY DID YOU DIG IT OUT?)
"(I DON'T KNOW. I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING UNTIL IT WAS OVER AND THEY WERE ALL DEAD. WHERE MY MEMORIES SHOULD BE...DARKNESS.)"
"(WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU REMEMBER?)"
"(NOTHING! IT WAS LIKE I LOST CONTROL OF MY MIND AND BODY. LIKE I WAS POSSESSED.)"
"(THINK, OLD MAN. SOMETHING HAPPENED BEFORE THE DARKNESS.)"
"(WAIT...I REMEMBER A PHONE CALL. THE MAN TOLD ME HE NEEDED TO DISCUSS MY RESEARCH. THAT'S THE LAST THING I RECALL.)"
"(WHAT WAS HIS NAME?)"

OWW!
‹HE SAID--›
‹HE SAID HIS NAME WAS *TRAN.*›
HATE TO INTERRUPT BUT WE'RE ALL ABOUT TO DIE. THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO HELP US NOW?
BOOM-BOOM, COME WITH ME.
IT'S ABOUT TIME. HOLY--
WAIT! TAKE ALL OF US!

!
I THINK WE STUNNED IT!
AH DON'T THINK THAT WAS US.
OH. MY. GOD. WHAT THE HELL DID WE JUST DO, ILLYANA?
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU JUST TAKE ME? YOU CAN'T JUST GRAB ME AND SAY "BLOW THIS UP," YA KNOW.
I'M YOUR TEAMMATE, NOT A BOMB DISPENSER, YOU CREEPY--
WAIT... PLEASE TELL ME WE WEREN'T...
...WAS THAT...
...WERE WE *INSIDE* HIM?

YES.
BAAAARF
OKAAAY. I'M SOBER NOW.
"ARE YOU SCARED, MUTIE?"

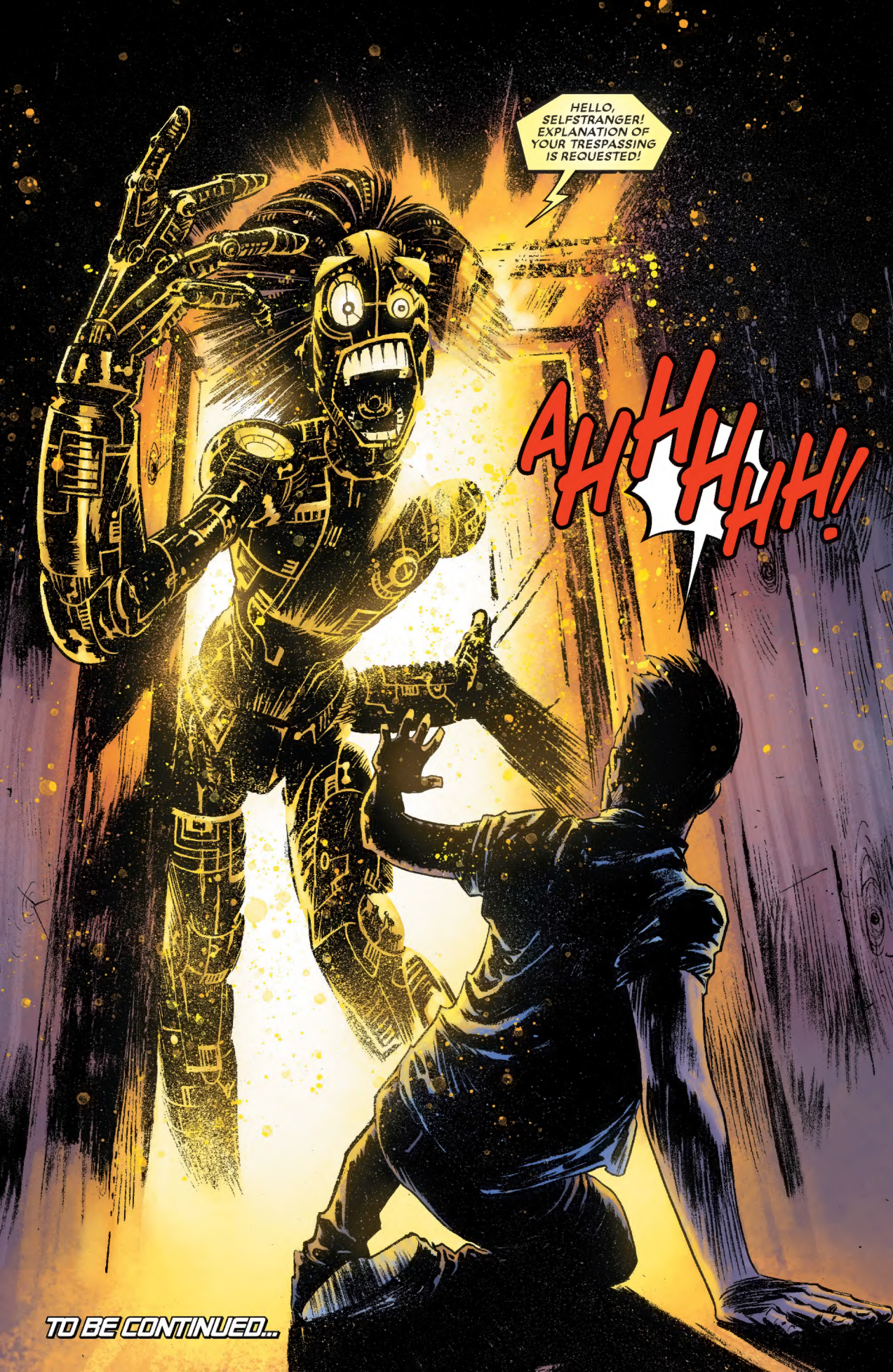
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT.
DO IT! COME ON, MUTIE!
I'M NOT A MUTIE!

DON'T TELL US, CHRISTIAN! RING HIS DOOR AND TELL *THE ALONE MAN.*

KNOCK KNOCK

OKAY. I GET IT. VERY FUNNY. THERE'S NO ONE--

CREEEAAAAK


HELLO, SELFSTRANGER! EXPLANATION OF YOUR TRESPASSING IS REQUESTED!
AHHHHHH!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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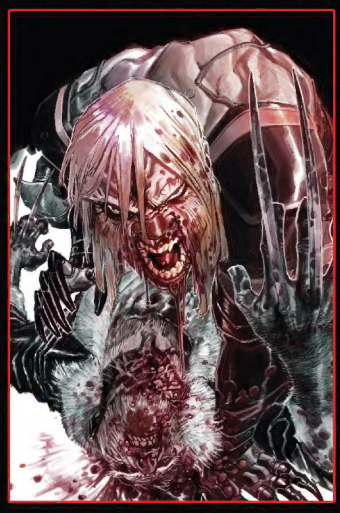

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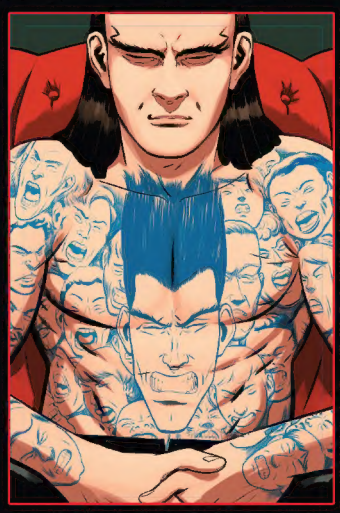

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